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THE WORD PARADISE.

Its Earliest Meaning Was an Inclosed Pleasure Ground.

The earliest meaning of the word paradise appears to have been a walled pleasure ground. In the Hebrew it was "pardes," in the Persian "ferdus," and from one or other of these the Greeks appear to have derived the word "paradeisos," from which we get our own word. We also know that the ancient monarchs of Chaldea and Assyria and also of Egypt constructed vast inclosures of forest land for the preservation of wild animals kept for hunting purposes, and these were also called paradises. Thus, the historical meaning of the word comes to this: A space protected from all incursion from the outer world, in which those who were privileged to enter were able to indulge in such pleasures as pleased their fancy.

It is easy to see the translation from the material to the spiritual meaning, paradise in the latter sense meaning the place of the elect or chosen. This is strikingly borne out by the fact that the favorite battery of the Moslems, whose firm belief it is that those who die fighting go straight to heaven, was always "Fight! Fight! Paradise! Paradise!" And the strong probability is that they got the word from the Persian campaigns of the eighth century. The use of the word in its present form in the New Testament is of Greek origin, and its description as applied to the garden of Eden is probably of Hebrew origin, dating from the period of the captivity.

A Forgotten Statesman.

Why is it that Oliver Ellsworth has received so little attention from biographers and historians? asks Frank Gaylord Cook in The Atlantic. He was not born in Massachusetts or Virginia. In Connecticut, like Pennsylvania, the historic field has been meagerly tilled. Moreover, the dramatic and opportune quality of his work has been perceived only through the perspective of subsequent years. To negotiate an unpopular convention for a party just retiring from office in defeat and ignominy is not conducive to immediate fame. Nevertheless he has not been wholly overlooked by subsequent statesmen. Webster said of him: "For strength of reason, for sagacity, wisdom and sound good sense in the conduct of affairs, for moderation of temper and general ability, it may be doubted if New England has yet produced his superior."

What he said as chief justice of the United States to the grand jury at Savannah in 1790 was the aim of his life. "So let us rear an empire sacred to the rights of men and commend a government of reason to the nations of the earth."

A Witty Reply of Pope.

As narrated by Edward Walcott in his "Greater London," Frederick, prince of Wales, sometimes visited Alexander Pope at his villa. On one occasion when the prince was on a visit to Pope, after expressing the most dutiful professions of attachment, gave his royal highness an opportunity of serving very shrewdly that his (the poet's) love for princes was inconsistent with his dislike for kings, since princes may in time become kings. Said his royal highness:

"Sir, I beg your pardon."

"Well, then, you don't like kings."

"Sir, I must own that I like the lion best before his claws are grown."

No reply could well have been happier.

Cultivate Tact.

The average man who curses his luck because he wasn't born with money to take advantage of his opportunities could get all the money he wants from people who have it if he had a small stock of tact. The youth who hasn't any friends who have faith in him could have an army of them if there was in his makeup a small stock of tact.

Tact has built more bridges and railroads, financed more banks, created more public reputations and capped more achievements than all the ability, talent and genius in the world. More subtle than money, it requires possessions at less cost. Surfer than brains, it achieves bigger things with greater ease.—New York Press.

Linsed Tea.

Linsed tea is good for colds and is easily made. Put six tablespoons of linsed and a quart of water into a pan and boil it for ten minutes. Then pour it off and add to it some slices of lemon and brown sugar to taste. If the flavor of licorice is liked, an ounce of it may be added. This is a refreshing and useful drink, especially for children with feverish colds, when there is sure to be much discomfort from thirst.

Short Measure.

"What am I so mad about?" repeated the popular actress, with flashing eye. "I only got three bouquets, that's what!"

"But," said the manager, "you surely didn't expect more?"

"Of course," she said, "I did. I paid for five."—Philadelphia Press.

Told Her Story.

The little daughter of a man who had been chosen for jury duty in London the other day went to the judge and said: "Please, sir, father can't come. He can't put on his boots."

The judge asked the nervous little creature what was the matter with her father. Her hesitation showed that she had not been sufficiently equipped for the complete deception of the wary official. He repeated his question.

"Well, sir," she said, looking straight into the judge's twinkling eyes, "father don't wear boots. He's got wooden legs. I wasn't told to tell you anything else, sir; that's all!"

Aiding the Heavens.

"Brother Highmore, are you contributing anything for the benefit of the heavens this year?"

EMINENTLY

SATISFACTORY

Explanation About Teachers and Newspapers.

EDITOR HERALD:—

In your issue of the 18th you venture the assertion that not over one third the teachers of this state take their county newspapers. From that premise you deduce the conclusion that teachers don't think, and are therefore not diplomatic. And you point to Lake Co. in particular as an illustration of what you have to say.

I am sincerely sorry that you made that application, for it is apt to cause many a bare foot, one gallus pedagogue of the sand hills to rear up on his hind legs and render a kick with his front legs against the dash boards of the mighty battering rams of civilization and moulders of public opinion.

It is not my purpose to question the statement that only eighteen out of the fifty teachers of Lake county take their county newspapers. Neither do I seek to bolster up an excuse for this condition of affairs. I only seek to explain why these conditions exist if they do exist, and the explanation will apply with equal truth to the State generally.

I surmise from the general tone of your article and the up-to-date make up of your excellent paper, that you, too, Mr. Editor, have at one time, like your humble scribe, wielded the rod of correction in the capacity of a soldier of civilization; for nearly every great man has at one time or other taught school. And if you have, you will recall that you usually boarded with the supervisor or one of the other patrons who was considered the head man in the community. And this man, you will remember, was apt to be a subscriber to one or all of the county papers. So it was, you never found it necessary to become a subscriber yourself. And so it is with the other thirty-two in Lake County. While they subscribe for educational and general newspapers, the county news is one of the few things they expect to get free along with kissing the babies and good advice from the patrons.

No, Mr. Editor, our teachers are not non-progressive. They are usually wide-awake intelligent men and women. They read extensively and teach everything from the blue-back and the almanack to the Sunday School Book and seed catalogue. They are not only well versed in the principles of their own profession, but they have with success combined pedagogy with agriculture, pedagogy with preaching, pedagogy with newspaper work, and the writer of these effusions gained considerable notoriety a few years ago by suggesting that pedagogy be combined with gator hunting. This shows a versatility that I do not believe has been equaled by the members of any other profession.

I agree with you that the local newspaper is a powerful co-adjutor of the pedagogue; but the pedagogue is also a powerful co-adjutor of the newspaper, and it must be admitted that the school room precedes the sanctum. For while Johnny is learning to read about the fat cat and old red hen he is also gaining instruction which will some day enable him to take to heart the locals in the village weekly which inform him that Laxative Bromo Quinine will cure a cold in one day.

If teachers are lax in their support of the press it must also be asserted that the press is luke-warm in its support of the cause of education.

Let it be understood here, Mr. Editor, that these reflections do not refer in any way to the HERALD. For since you have been kind enough to except the teachers of DeSoto from those referred to in your editorial, I have quite agreed with you on that point, and to reciprocate the favor I shall be liberal enough to except the press of DeSoto from any reflection that I may, or may not make in this communication. The editors of some of our weeklies will rush into their sanctums and pen elaborate editorials under heavy head lines booming some private monopoly, while the public school building in the shadow of the sanctum totters to tumble and the children within shiver with cold, and drink pond water from the gator cave at the back of the Shantytown school house.

These same editors will devote their leaders to the flattery of some peanut politician who never did a single public act to entitle him to the praise or commendation of suffering humanity, while they will allow Ichabod to toll and fret and sweat in a public caplety for the notice he never will get.

Indeed, they do at times print laudatory articles, as you have suggested, but the editors have these all stereotyped and they only have to change the names and a few incidents at each new commencement exercise, or in the vernacular of the scribe, at each new school busting up. If any special mention is made

A RIVER OF LAND.

Amazing Amount of Earth That Flows Down the Mississippi.

"The capacity of the Mississippi for filling up canals and old channels is something awful," says John Swain in Ansie's. "Government engineers have found that the amount of solid matter annually carried past Vicksburg in suspension is enough to make a block of earth 300 feet high and a mile square. Fifty feet off the top of this is spread around on the valley between here and the sea, and the rest goes out into the gulf of Mexico to build up more continent."

"Think what that means. Instead of a river of water this is a river of land. It would make a solid stream of earth five feet deep and nine feet wide, flowing night and day as fast as a man can walk, four miles an hour, all sliding down off the northern half of the country toward the sea. Year in, year out, that endless line of earth goes on. It would take a force of more than 50,000 men working in eight hour shifts to throw the dirt into the stream, supposing the river bed were rigid and an inexhaustible supply of dirt on the bank. It would make 25,000,000 wagon loads every year."

"But here—what are the use of such figures? Below Vicksburg—and above it, too, to an extent—we have the earth itself to speak for it. Except for the occasional fragments of the line of bluffs along the eastern edge below here which bob up at Port Adams, at Natchez, at Grand Gulf, at Baton Rouge, at Port Hudson, there is nothing about the level of the high water river except the artificial levees. These are in places miles back, great earthen banks, sometimes thirty feet high or more, sodded and free from trees, which protect the wonderfully fertile region behind them."

"And all this level country which the river overflows and fertilizes is constantly increased by this river of dirt which the Mississippi brings down from the inner region, gathered all the way from the Rockies to the Alleghenies. Sometimes the river starts to eat away this land that it has made. In a single summer, if it will, it eats away half a mile of it out of some bend. It cuts it out sometimes an acre at a bite and takes with it forests, houses, levees and all else."

"The river is not a uniformly moving stream. One side or the middle moves swiftly; the other parts are still or sluggish. Sometimes even these run up stream. The swift part is the channel current and runs in the deepest sections. It makes crossings whenever driven off shore by a promontory. These crossings are dumping places for the surplus earth the river has picked up in the bend it is eating."

One of Field's Crazy Jokes.

In his biography of Eugene Field Blason Thompson says that shortly after the humorist's arrival in Chicago it occurred to him one bleak day in December that it was time the people knew there was a stranger in town.

So he arrayed himself in a long linen duster, buttoned up from knees to collar, put an old straw hat on his head and, taking a shabby book under one arm and a puff ball fan in his hand, he marched all the way down Clark street, past the city hall, to the office. Everywhere along the route he was greeted with jeers or pitying words, as his appearance excited the mirth or commiseration of the passersby.

When he reached the entrance to The Daily News office, he was followed by a motley crowd of noisy urchins, whom he dismissed with a grimace and the cabalistic gesture with which Nicholas Kooran perplexed and repulsed Anthony van Corlear from the battlement of the fortress on Rensselaer street. Then, closing the door in their astonished faces, he mounted the two flights of stairs to the editorial rooms, where he recounted, with the glee of the boy he was in such things, the success of his joke.

A Desirable Role.

Manager—What sort of a role do you think you would like?

Stranded Actor—Well, several of the Vienna brand and a cup of coffee wouldn't be bad for a starter.—New York Times.

But for money and the need of it there would not be half the friendship that there is in the world. It is powerful for good if divinely used.—George MacDonald.

of the pedagogue, it is because he has taken the editor into his confidence and told him that Sarah was the best scholar in the whole school, or that Johnny beat Demosthenes speaking the Burning Boy stood on the Deek when he first tried. This is where diplomacy comes in on the part of the pedagogue and I am forced to agree with you that as a diplomat the pedagogue is not always a Li Hung Chang.

This remark and the experience of the Wildwood teacher which you relate, all reminds me of a little incident in DeSoto. Once there was a young man—but as Ruddy Kipling would remark, that is entirely another narrative.

And now, in conclusion, Mr. Editor, how many papers of the state have an educational department? Don't you think an editor ought to devote as much space to education as to politics? Education not only concerns the teacher, but every fiber of the body social and politic. But the teacher represents education and civilization as the Statesman represents the State. And he should not be regarded as among the least of our public servants. Anyhow, Mr. Editor, do you not think it a little too severe to assert that our teachers are non-progressive, that they are thoughtless, that they do not read and appreciate the county papers, simply because they have never found it necessary to subscribe?

W. D. REILLY.

That Rumored Shortage.

Wauchula People Wish to Know Something About It.

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